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TAGS: OVIP, LI
SUBJECT: VISIT OF EXIMBANK OFFICIALS

REF: A. STATE 185573 B. MONROVIA 5150 C. STATE 186117
D. STATE 186572

1. PARA 1 REF A MENTIONS KOBELINSKI INTERST IN VISITING LAMCO MINE AS GUEST REPUBLIC STEEL. EMB WISHES POINT OUT REPUBLIC HAS NO RPT NO INTEREST LAMCO MINE. US ASSOCIATE LAMCO IS BETHLEHEM. REPUBLIC IS MAJROITY SHAREHOLDER LIBERIA MINING COMPANY (LMC), AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE OPERATION.

2. LAMCO WILLING SCHEDULE VISIT ITS MINE. ALTHOUGH MINE LOCATED CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE MONROVIA, EMB SEES NO PROBLEM SCHEDULING PROVIDED TEAM TRAVELS WITH VISITING BETHLEHEM REPS ON PLANE BEING CHARTERED FOR THEM BY LAMCO.

3. LMC (REPUBLIC) MINE IS LOCATED 1 AND ONE-HALF HOURS BY CAR FROM MONROVIA AND EMB BELEVES TRIP COULD BE LAID ON IF TEAM IN FACT WISHES SEE REPUBLIC OPERATION. FYI - LMC
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EXPECTED BEGIN EXPLOITATION NEW IRON ORE DEPOSIT (BIE

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MOUNTAIN) MID TO LATE 70'S. EXIM FINANCING COULD BE A FACTOR.

4. EMB DOES NOT BELIEVE EITHER FINANCE MINISTER STEPHEN TOLBERT OR PLANNING MINISTER DAVID NEAL WILL BE IN LIBERIA DURING TEAM'S VISIT.

5. EMB RECEIVED CALL FROM LAMCO INDICATING COMPANY'S WILLINGNESS ARRANGE CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT. EMB HAS NO OBJECTION THIS ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED KOBELINSKI WISHES SEE PRESIDENT IN COMPANY BETHLEHEM OFFICIALS. IF HE WISHES SEE PESIDENT PRIVATELY BELEIVE EMB SHOULD ARRANGE BUT NEED IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION.

6 RE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, EMB CONCURS IN DUCOR FOR EVENING SEPT. 28 BUT RECOMMENDS EXIM TEAM MOVE TO ROBERTSFIELD FOR EVENING SEPT. 29 FACILITATE EARLY AM DEPARTURES ON SEPT. 30. EMB WISHES ALSO ADVISE THAT ROBERTSFIELD LOCATED 38 MILES FROM MONROVIA AND SUGGESTS TEAM CONSIDER SCHEDULE ARRIVAL AT SPRIGGS-PAYNE AIRPORT ON OUTSKIRTS MONROVIA. SPRIGGS-PAYNE CAN HANDLE AIRCRAFT UP TO AND INCLUDING F-28.

7. EMB PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WITH DEFINITE TIEMS TO BE ARRANGED:

SEPT. 28

1200 - ARRIVE ROBERTSFIELD (OR SPRIGGS-PAYNE).

1330 - BRIEFING BY EMBOFFS (EMB PLANS INCLUDE BETHLEHEM OFFICIALS IF INTERESTED.)

1500 - CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT (TO BE ARRANGED - TIME IS TENTATIVE.)

1730 - MEETING WITH BANKING/BUSINESS GROUP - BRIEF ON EXIM INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES.

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AM - VISIT TO MINE (LMC OR LAMCO)

PM - TO ROBERTSFIELD HOTEL VIA EMBASSY VEHICLE.

SEPT. 30

0045 - MR. KOBELINSKI DEPARTS VIA PAA 189

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0730 - MR. MALLOY DEPARTS VIA SWISSAIR 255.

8. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EXIM TEAM WISHES VISIT LAMCO OR LMC:

B. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER KOBELINSKI WISHES PRIVATE CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT OR WISHES ACCOMPANY BETHLEHEM REPS;

C. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER KOBELINSKI WILLING MEET WITH LOCAL BANKING AND BUSINESS REPS;

D. WOULD APPRECIATE FUTHER IDENTIFICATION CONSUL GABA MENTIONED REF A BUT NOT IN SUSEQUENT TRAFFIC. WILL HE BE VISITING LIBERIA AND

E. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE.. MANFULL

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